

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my opposition to The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) petition 04-160.

As a subscriber to XM Satellite Radio, I have enjoyed the benefits that focused, fast, and accurate traffic and weather provide. I travel up and down the east coast on a weekly basis, and have relied heavily on the information XM provides. But the quality of the XM programming is not a material fact in this issue. The salient question is whether or not stifling the emergent technology of satellite radio through legislation is a good idea. And it is my opinion that it most definitely is not.

I choose to pay for the convenience of commercial free and immediate information. Removing the ability of XM to provide a paying customer a reasonable service, even if it is "local", is detrimental to competition and fosters a monopolistic environment.

Terrestrial radio stations can continue to provide a "free" service (a service, incidentally, which I use every day) and compete on a level playing field without legislative assistance. If the traditional radio stations feel so threatened by satellite radio, it is their prerogative to improve their services and compete, as all businesses should, on merit and ability.

I took the time to find out exactly what your, The FCC's, role and stated purpose was in regards to competition. The following quote is from your own website (<http://www.fcc.gov/competition/>): "The FCC's strategic goal for competition is to support the Nation's economy by ensuring that there is a comprehensive and sound competitive framework for communications services. Such a framework should foster innovation and offer consumers meaningful choice in services. Such a pro-competitive framework should be promoted domestically and overseas."

This petition goes against every aspect of your stated goals. This petition seeks to deny "meaningful choices", it tries to destroy innovation, and it is patently anti-competition.

The NAB does not represent the interests of the consumer, nor do they hold the larger interests of the Nation at heart, and I once again ask you to reject their petition.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Badger.